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SUBJECT: LOS: FINNISH POSITION FOR THIRD UN CONFERENCE ON LOS

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1. SUMMARY: FINNISH DELEGATE TO LOS CONFERENCE IN GENEVA PESSIMISTIC ABOUT CHANCES OF REACHING OVERALL AGREEMENT. FINLAND'S MAJOR PREOCCUPATION IS STILL STRAITS ISSUE. REQUESTS STATUS OF S 1134 AND S 1988. END SUMMARY.

2. MR. HOLGER ROTKIRCH OF MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS LEGAL DIVISION, NUMBER THREE ON FINLAND'S LOS DELEGATION, WAS TOLD  
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OF IMPORTANCE U.S. ATTACHES TO SUCCESSFUL LOS NEGOTIATIONS

AT GENEVA. HE SAID FINLAND SHARED THESE VIEWS, BUT EXPRESSED, AS PERSONAL OPINION, DOUBT THAT LOS AGREEMENT WOULD BE REACHED AT GENEVA SESSION AND BELIEVED THAT ANOTHER ROUND WOULD BE REQUIRED.

3. RE DEGREE OF INDEPENDENCE FINNISH DELEGATION WOULD HAVE, HE SAID THAT DELEGATION'S POSITION PAPERS INCLUDED FALL BACK POSITIONS. IN CASE OF IMPORTANT ISSUES, IF PREPARED INSTRUCTIONS DID NOT COVER, DELEGATION WOULD HAVE TO SEEK GUIDANCE FROM HELSINKI. (COMMENT: SINCE AMBASSADOR PAUL GUSTAFSSON, OF FOREIGN MINISTRY AND DELEGATION CHIEF, AND JUSTICE E.J. MANNER, LEGAL ADVISER TO FOREIGN MINISTRY AND DEPUTY DELEGATION CHIEF, WERE ACTIVE IN PREPARING THE FINNISH POSITION PAPERS THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS TO HELSINKI WOULD PROBABLY CARRY CONSIDERABLE WEIGHT.)

4. OTHER THAN STRAITS ISSUE, WHICH, BECAUSE OF SPECIAL STATUS OF ALAND ISLANDS, IS OF TOP IMPORTANCE TO FINLAND (SEE HELSINKI 2176, OCT. 24, 1974-NOTAL), FINLAND IS MOST INTERESTED IN SEABED RESOURCES, AND WIDTH AND TREATMENT OF ECONOMIC ZONE. ROTKITCH SAID THAT FINLAND FAVORS A STRONG INTERNATIONAL REGIME TO CONTROL EXPLOITATION OF SEABED RESOURCES. HE INDICATED HOWEVER THAT IF POWERFUL INTERNATIONAL REGIME MET STRONG AND GENERAL RESISTANCE FINLAND WOULD RECONSIDER ITS POSITION.

5. FINLAND HOPES THAT IF 200 MILE ECONOMIC ZONE IS ADOPTED GENERALLY, THIS WILL NOT HAVE EFFECT OF BARRING FINNISH AND OTHER COUNTRY FISHING IN SUCH ZONES. FINLAND BELIEVES THAT OUTSIDE 12 MILE LIMIT ECONOMIC ZONE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS HIGH SEA, WITH PERHAPS A FEW CONDITIONS OF USE, SUCH AS POLLUTION-CONTROL REGULATIONS.

6. FINALLY, ROTKIRCH ASKED FOR CURRENT STATUS OF S 1134 CONCERNING THE CONSERVATION AND ORDERLY DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEEP SEABED AND OF S 1988, "EMERGENCY MARINE PROTECTION ACT OF 1974." EMBOFF SAID HE BELIEVED THAT LATTER HAD NOT BEEN ENACTED, BUT THAT S 1134 HAD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BEEN, ALTHOUGH EXPLOITATION OF U.S. SEABED BY U.S. COMPANIES WAS NOT TO START UNTIL AFTER JANUARY 1, 1976. ROTKIRCH SAID THAT THIS LEGISLATION COULD BECOME AN ISSUE AT GENEVA. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE CABLE LATEST INFORMATION ABOUT STATUS OF TWO ABOVE-MENTIONED BILLS/LAWS.  
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